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**EUROPE**

1. **PORTUGAL: Portugal seeks 10-year limit on Atlantic Pact--**  
US Ambassador MacVeagh reports that the Portuguese Foreign Office wants to know whether some provision can be made which will enable Portugal to sign the Atlantic Pact for a 10-year period, either beginning now, or at some future date. MacVeagh has been told that the Foreign Office intends to put the Atlantic Pact question before the Cabinet as soon as an answer has been received to this query. MacVeagh believes Portugal will sign the Pact if granted an option to withdraw after 10 years.

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The Department of State has replied to Ambassador MacVeagh that although an answer cannot be given to the Portuguese query without consultation among the participating governments, the reply will probably be negative.

2. **FRANCE: Government to request arms for Indochina--US**  
Ambassador Caffery has received a preliminary and unofficial request from a high French official and an Indochinese official that the US give serious consideration to the possibility of supplying arms for the new national Vietnam Army which is provided for in the recently drawn-up Bao Dai agreement. The French official indicated that the US will receive a formal request for arms from Premier Queuille directly after the ratification of the agreement.

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(CIA Comment: The French Government is extremely anxious to obtain public approval and material support from the US for the new Indochinese agreement before Bao Dai arrives in Indochina on April 25. The promised ratification of the agreement by the French Assembly is dependent upon legal unification in Indochina which will probably take much longer than the few weeks which the French now anticipate.)

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3. **PALESTINE: US concern over Iraqi front**--The Department of State has advised US Ambassador McDonald in Tel Aviv of its concern over the possibility of an outbreak of fighting on the Iraqi front in Samaria (north central Palestine). The Department believes, in view of this possibility, that: (a) everything possible should be done to facilitate the rapid conclusion of an Israeli-Transjordan armistice agreement; (b) such an agreement should be extended to the Iraqi front; and (c) Israel should interpose no objection if Iraq turns the Samaria front over to Transjordan. The Department adds that it might be desirable to have the present cease-fire agreement extended automatically to the Iraqi front at the time that Transjordan assumes responsibility for it.

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